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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

My name is Sharlene Snoddy and I appreciate the opportunity to speak today in support of House Bill 456.

I am the mother of 3 wonderful children and six tremendous grandchildren. Through my years of experience as a mother I have been active and involved in my children's education. This involvement included everything from baking cupcakes for birthday parties to helping figure out new math at the kitchen table. Now I am watching my children do the same things for their children. Somewhere between the cupcakes and homework I wrote, or signed, countless permission slips allowing my children to "opt in" to various activities.

Over the years the school systems around the country have decided they are the best authority on what children should learn. But Mr. Chairman I am here to tell you that MOTHER KNOWS BEST. The responsibility for directing a child's education should rest with the parents. I believe they should have the final say in what their child is taught, especially in the area of sex education. For those who may want this for their children all they need to do is sign one more permission slip allowing their children to "opt in."

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

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